

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 438

By Herron

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Maria Darlene Branca, a
2001 Top Ten Student of Dyer County High
School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Maria Darlene Branca is one such exceptional student who was recently named a Top Ten Student of the 2001 graduating class at Dyer County High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Maria has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Ms. Branca has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; she is the President and a charter member of the Dyer County High School Leo Club and has been a Top 25% Award winner for four years; and

WHEREAS, Maria is a nine-year 4-H member, and was honored as the 1997 Outstanding Junior High School 4-H member, the 1998-99 Most Outstanding Senior High School 4-H member, the 1998 4-H Representative for the National Congress and the D. B. Carter 4-H Award winner; she has been a teen leader at 4-H camp for three years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Branca is a gifted musician who has 12 First Place Solo and Ensemble Awards; she is a section leader, was a three-year All-West Honor Band member and Alternate for one year, was the winner of the 1999 Most Outstanding Sophomore Band Award and the 2000 Most Outstanding Junior Band Award, and was a member of the 2001 Murray State Honor Band; and

WHEREAS, Maria has also performed in the Dyersburg State Community Orchestra for five years and has performed for four years in the Marching, Concert, and Pep bands; she has held the position of First Chair Flute for four years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Branca is an active member of Emmaus Baptist Church in Newbern, Tennessee and enjoys pursuing her interests of music history, playing the flute, computer research, singing, painting, and sculpting; and

WHEREAS, Maria's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for future success; she plans to attend the University of Memphis, majoring in Music Performance and minoring in Biological Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Branca's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Treava Darlene Branca, her grandparents, Rufus and Mary Cobb and Tony and Mary Steriotti, her school, and her community; her father, the late Donald Anthony Branca looks down proudly upon his daughter from Heaven; and

WHEREAS, Maria's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Dyer County High School Top Ten Student, Maria Darlene Branca, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

